Toys R Us to anchor center

Sunrise Village Shopping Center, the city's newest in a recent string of Southside neighborhood shopping strips, is progressing toward a fall opening.

There will be 22 to 25 new shops in the center when it opens about Oct. 1 at Airline and McArdle roads on a former school site.

John Tatum of Fort Worth-based Woodmont Corp. says 80 percent of the $5-million center's 98,000 square feet of retail space has been leased.

Major tenants will be Toys R Us, occupying 47,000 square feet, and Califoria-based Miller's Outpost, which will sell men's and women's apparel in 20,000 square feet of space.

Tatum said a variety of other stores, including gift shops, clothes cleaners, video dealers, shoe shops and women's specialty merchants will occupy 1,000 to 4,000 square feet each.

The center is on 8.29 acres of land which had for many years been home to the classrooms and playground of Fraser Elementary School.

Sunrise Village will be the fourth shopping complex for the Airline-McArdle intersection; the others are Sunrise Mall, Gulfway Shopping Center and Crossroads Village.

Construction crews move Sunrise Village toward fall opening